

## **PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting on November 9, 2016

Members attending: Debby Brehm, Doug Emery, Dick Campbell, Liz Standish, John Miles, Deb Schorr, Jon Camp, Tom Casady

Members absent: Tyler Mainquist, Tracy Sanford, Rick Carter, Mike Rogers

Others present: Brian Jackson & Julie Righter Dove, City of Lincoln; Nancy Hicks, Lincoln Journal Star

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Campbell, second by Camp to accept the minutes. Approved by voice vote.

Tom Casady provided an update on the radio system. He indicated, because of the smaller size of the site equipment needed for the system, there is no need to build one of the shelters. For now, the only construction costs identified has been footings at one tower site that need strengthening. The system itself is currently being manufactured. The 911 Center portion of the project is progressing with major renovation beginning February 28, 2017. Install of the new radio system is projected for mid-October 2017. \$1.5 million has been set aside for the 911 Center work.

The service agreement with the State of Nebraska has been approved by lawyers at NPPD, the State and City of Lincoln and is now awaiting signatures. The 30-day termination clause still exists. Casady reported there is a chance that Douglas County and the OPPD system – with approximately 7,000 users – may join with the state core.

An offer to purchase was made and accepted on two parcels (10 acres) of land on the south side of Pine Lake Road in approximately the 6600 block for construction of the shared station project. The purchase price was \$443,500. Because of the dual purpose of this station, it requires a larger parcel than the other stations. The newly-purchased parcel was owned by Kirby & Patty Poppert. The front half of the parcels are not in the flood plain, and will contain the building and parking. The City should have access to the construction site even during different phases of the widening of Pine Lake Road, beginning in 2018. These 10 acres are flat and should be comparatively easy to build on. There have been some concerns expressed by residents in the area of the proposed build site, regarding roundabouts and sirens. Reassurance has been made to those residents that 66<sup>th</sup> Street will not be used as an emergency route to access Highway 2. Other property being considered for purchase in order to construct public safety buildings:

- 24<sup>th</sup> Street, just south of Superior, west of Campbell Elementary. A \$335,000 offer has been made for a parcel just less than 2 acres. This is undeveloped land, and would be comparatively easy to build on for a fire station. The purchase documents are in process at this time.
- 84<sup>th</sup> Street, just south of Pioneers. This is a parcel that's currently for sale and looks promising as a build site for a fire station.
- 84<sup>th</sup> & Holdrege area. There is some land adjacent to Mt. Olive church. The City is in the process of looking at this property.

Casady advised the fire station being built in Airpark is on a fixed budget. The design work is done and construction is to begin soon. Construction costs with a local builder came in a bit lower than expected, a bit less than \$250 per square foot. This building is expected to be open and ready for use in the summer of 2017. The City will lease the land from the Airport Authority, but the building will be owned by the City.

Revenue from the bond issue is running a bit above projections – about \$250,000 above the first eleven months' expectations. Equally pleasing is the fact that expenditures are down from what was projected. Casady indicated he's hopeful that the sales tax collection can be ended earlier than projected. He also indicated he'd like to begin building the 66<sup>th</sup> & Pine Lake Road project at the earliest possible date, perhaps even some work on site preparation beginning in the summer of 2017.

Following a review of the architectural fees from Davis Design, Casady reminded everyone that, with the exception of the combined fire/police station at 66<sup>th</sup> & Pine Lake Road, all the other proposed fire station builds can use essentially the same design. Meetings with LF&R's facilities committee (for interior design and larger items) have been ongoing for the design of the Airpark fire station, and much of this work is transferrable to the new stations.

The next Public Safety Projects Oversight Committee meeting will be scheduled for early Spring 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.